एकीकृत निर्देशित मिसाइल विकास कार्यक्रम (इन्टोग्रेटेड गाइडेड मिसाइल डवलपमेंट प्रोग्राम) के अन्तर्गत डिजाइन तथा विकास कार्य योजनानुसार चल रहा हैं। "पृथ्वी" मिसाइल का उत्पादन शुरू हो गया हैं और अन्य मिसाइलें भी विकास के विभिन्न चरणों में हैं। इस संबंध में और ब्यौरे देना राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा के हित में नहीं होगा।

Navy undermined by bureaucratic delays

1594. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a statement of former Chief of Naval Staff Admiral V.S. Shekhawat to the effect that the Navy has been undermined by bureaucratic delays and lack of Government understanding of Navy needs as appeared in the Times of India, New Delhi, dated the 25th June, 1997;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the measures Government have taken/propose to take to strengthen Navy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government are aware of the newspaper report. All developments having a bearing on the country's security are kept under constant observation by the Government and appropriate counter-measures are initiated from time to time to maintain defence preparedness.

(c) Naval HQrs have drawn up a fifteen years perspective plan for modernisation of the Indian Navy.. A number of steps have been initiated by the Governments as counter-measures to the emerging threat scenario.

पाकिस्तान और चीन की तुलना में भारत का रक्षा व्यय

1595.3 **श्री रामगोपाल यादव**:
श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान समाचार पत्र "दैनिक जागरण" दिनांक 14.7.97 में "रक्षा खर्च में पाक व चीने के सामने कहीं नहीं ठहराता भारत" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर आकृष्ट कराया गया हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त समाचार पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है और पाक व चीन के मुकाबले भारत की रक्षा खर्च की स्थिति क्या हैं?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एन0वी0एन0 सोमू): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) एक विवरण संलगन हैं।

विवरण

भारत, पकिस्तान और चीन द्वारा रक्षा पर खर्च किए गए सकल घरेलू उत्पाद का प्रतिशत दर्शाने सांख्यिकीय नीचे दिए गए हैं:-

वर्ष	भारत	पाकिस्तान	चीन
1992-93	2.49	7.70	5.20
1993-94	2.68	6.96	5.53
1994-95	2.43	6.88*	5.60
1995-96	2.45*	6.88*	5.66
1996-97	2.26*	6.99*	उपलब्ध नहीं हैं

*टिप्पणी: आंकड़े अनंतिम हैं।

(स्रोत: "एशियन स्ट्रेटेजिक रिव्यू 1995-96" रक्षा अध्ययन और विश्लेषण संस्थान)

तथापि, विभिन्न देशों द्वारा रक्षा खर्च के वर्गीकरण और कोटिकरण के वास्ते मानदंडों में अंतर होने के कारण ऐसी तुलना में अंतर्निहित कमी हैं। रक्षा बजट रक्षा प्रयासों के वास्तविक स्तर को नहीं दर्शा सकता है और यह अन्य राष्ट्रों के साथ समान से समान आधार पर तुलना के लिए आधार भी प्रदान नहीं कर सकता हैं। उदाहरण के लिए, कुछ देश पूंजीगत कार्यों एवं रक्षा से जुड़े उद्योगों पर हुए खर्च को रक्षा मंत्रालय कां छोड़कर, अन्य मंत्रलायों/ विभागों के बजटीय आवंटनों के तहत दिखाते हैं। इस तरह के सांख्यिकीय मानदंड युद्व की विशेषता के या सही मायनों में सशस्त्र सेनाओं की रक्षा तैयारी का आवश्यक रूप से सही मानदंड नहीं हैं।

Purchase of Russian built submarines

1596. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Chinks in the nation's armour' published in the Pioneer dated 12th May, 1997;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that Government purchased eight seriously impaired Russian Built EKM submarines for over Rs. 800 crores inspite of objections from a number of Naval Experts; and

(c) what are the details in this regard and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Indian Navy has effectively exploited the submarines of this type since 1986. These EKM submarines are known to have many distinct advantageous design features such as a superior hull design and underwater manoeuvrability; quieting techniques; long range sonar and torpedo. These features give these submarines a combat capability commensurate with the cost of acquisition.

All developments having a bearing on the security of the country and its assets are kept under constant observation by Government and appropriate counter-measures are initiated from time to time, to maintain defence preparedness. The Indian Navy is also re-equipped and modernised in keeping with the emerging threat perceptions.

FIR filed by CBI in HDW submarine purchase

1597. PROF. RAM KAPSE:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the FIR filed by CBI in March 1990 in the matter of purchase of HDW submarine by India has been pending without further action;

(b) if so, the details of the case;

(c) the reasons for pendency; and

(d) by when the follow-up action would be initiated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. It is not correct to say that the matter has been pending without further action. Both CBI and MOD have been monitoring the progress of the case quite vigorously.

(c) and (d) The progress of the case essentially depends on the cooperation of the foreign Governments over which CBI has not control, and, therefore, it is not possible to predict a time frame by which the investigations can be completed.

Pilferage of Titanium imported for ISRO

1598. DR. MOHAN BABU:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the containers in which Titanium was imported from a German firm for India's